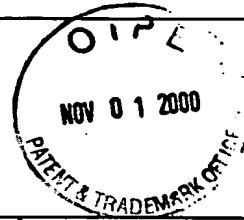


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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **STENT WITH VARIABLE FEATURES TO OPTIMIZE SUPPORT AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**, the specification of which was accorded Serial No. 08/716,039 on September 19, 1996.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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